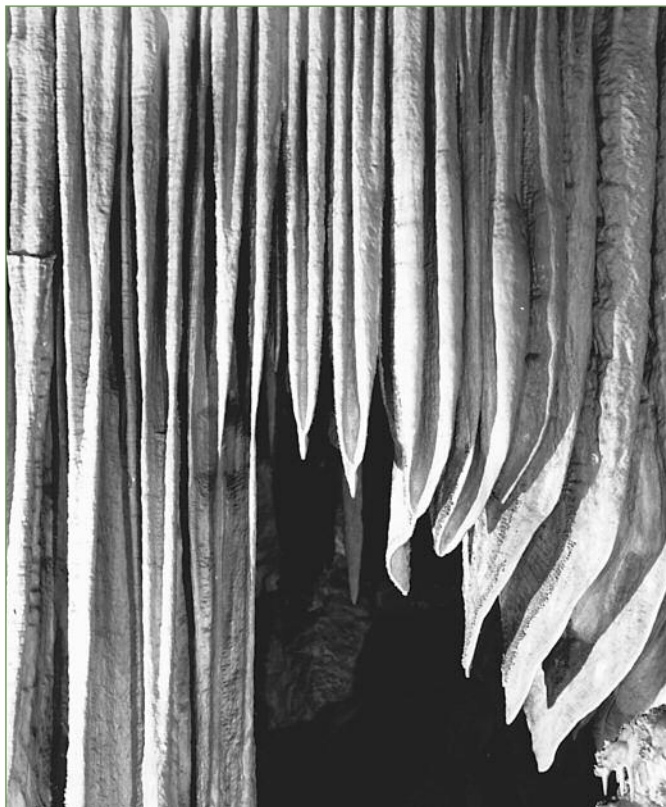


Crystal Cave tours rock!

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1½ hours before the tour. Tours may sell out. See information on traffic delays & length-limit restrictions on page 12.

Crystal Cave Road starts 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree. Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on this road. See page 12 map for details.

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes; the ½-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep. Bring a jacket; it's 50°F (10°C) inside. No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask SNHA about group reservations and Wild Cave Tours: 1-559-565-3759.



Learn how these curtains of stone formed!

• 45-minute Cave Tours daily through 10/24

On the hour, Saturdays 11am- 3pm & Sundays 11am- 2pm. Weekdays 11am, 1pm, 2pm. Closed starting 10/25. Tours through 10/24, weather permitting.

Fees: Age 5-12 \$6.50; age 13-61 \$13; under 5 free; age 62 & up and Golden Access passholders \$12. National Park, Interagency, and Golden Age passes do not apply. SNHA members get a discount!

• 1½-hour Historic Candle-Light Cave Tours through 9/25

Thursday-Friday at 5:30 pm; Saturday-Sunday 6pm. Limited to 15 people, ages 12 and up. Experience Crystal Cave in a different light. Explore using candle lanterns and see Crystal Cave as its discoverers did! Fee: \$20 each (SNHA members \$18).

Activities

FREE WALKS & TALKS: Ranger-led talks and walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, or the Foothills. Watch for snowshoe walks once the snow flies. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for details and schedules.

VISITOR CENTERS & STORES:

Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8-9 for details.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

FREE for all ages. If you are 5 to 105 years old, you can be a Sequoia & Kings Canyon Junior Ranger! Get a free booklet at any visitor center to learn how to earn your badge. Complete the activities for your age group while you have fun learning about and protecting the parks.

TEACHERS - BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS! Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date: 1-559-565-4303.

WHERE CAN I...

Your visit may include both a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 for details). Know which one you are in (see page 12)!

• WALK A PET - In the Parks:

Not on any trails but it's o.k. 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). **In the National Forest:** Pets can go on trails. **In both areas:** Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Never leave pets in cars when it's warm as they overheat quickly.

• COLLECT THINGS TO TAKE HOME - Not in Parks:

Leave things where you find them to play their natural role in the ecosystem. **In the National Forest:** Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. **In both areas:** Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.

• HUNT - Not in the Parks.

Visitors are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park. **In the National Forest:** Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.

• GO CAMPING - In the Parks:

Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. **In the National Forest:** In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

• DRIVE OFF-ROAD - Not in the parks.

Stay on roads. **In the National Forest:** Off-highway-vehicle (OHV) routes available. Get specific information at USFS Hume Lake office (in Dunlap on Hwy 180) or Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove).

• CUT WOOD - Not in the Parks.

In the National Forest: Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit and guidelines: 559-338-2251.

• **GO PICNICKING** - See picnic symbols on back-page map. Due to bears, never leave food unattended! Most sites have tables, restrooms and fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills and Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, and Crescent Meadow.

• **HAVE A FIRE - Restrictions change; always check first. At time of publication, it was the following:** **In the Parks** Below 6000 feet: No wood or barbecue fires, including in picnic areas and wilderness areas; ok in designated campgrounds only. Gas or propane stoves may be used at all elevations. No smoking except in developed areas, campgrounds, or enclosed vehicles. Above 6000 feet: Only in fire grills in campgrounds and some picnic areas, and in wilderness. **In the National Forest:** Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Get permits at visitor center in Grant Grove or USFS in Dunlap.

• **GO FISHING - In both areas:** Permitted during fishing season. California fishing licenses are required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

• **RIDE BICYCLES - In the Parks:** Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). **In the National Forest:** Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. **In both areas:** Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

• RIDE HORSEBACK

Hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, or guided trips. Fall closings depend on weather; call.

• Cedar Grove

1-559-565-3464 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season

• Grant Grove

1-559-335-9292 summer
1-559-799-7247 off season

• Horse Corral

at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest
1-559-565-3404 summer
1-559-564-6429 off season
1-559-679-3573 cell